partnership of private sector in other sectors for the development of the country in future; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the amount of dividend prescribed by Government in private sector as a result of their partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the experience with privatising distribution in Orissa and Delhi has not been completely satisfactory to date.

(b) It is clear that privatisation is neither a necessary nor a sufficient condition in itself for power sector reforms. However, privatisation remains part of the solution to achieving these reforms.

(c) and (d) GoI has constituted a Committee on Infrastructure (CoI)—under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister—with the objectives of initating policies that would ensure time bound creation of world class infrastructure—delivering services matching international standards, developing structures that maximize the role of public private partnerships (PPPs) and monitoring progress of key infrastructures projects to ensure that established targets are realized. The CoI has *inter alia* mandated preparation of model concession agreements (MCA) in the Highways, Ports and Airports sectors to ensure an efficient allocation of risk and fair and transparent awarding of the PPP contracts. A MCA for PPPs in the Highways sector has already been prepared and approved by the CoI.

Special package for Nagaland

1115. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Eastern region States particularly Nagaland have sought special package for the economic development of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are likely to grant the above package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) No proposal for special package for economic development of North Eastern States, particularly for Nagaland, has been received or is under consideration of the Government.